

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A utility knife tool having a handle with a distal portion and a blade extending therefrom. A blade cover for covering the blade is integral with the tool and cooperates with a blade cover retainment member for lockedly maintaining the blade cover in a position covering the blade when the tool is not in use. A hand operable releaser is provided for releasing the locked retainment member, while a hand operable blade cover driver moves the blade cover an exposure distance for exposing the blade. Also included is an intercept member for disengaging the blade cover driver upon blade movement exceeding the exposure distance as may occur in a panic or emergency situation during tool use such that the blade cover is automatically dispatched to the locking configuration covering the blade.

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